

Questions & Answers

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Question#	Type of Question	Question	Answer	POC
1	Acquisition	Ref page 91, para 2.8, line 2904-2906 discussing Task Area IV awards. It states, "Only contractors selected as "approved developers" will be considered as candidates for future application development solicitations." How does a company become an "approved" developer or FAD?"	Task Area IV will be competitively awarded to several companies. These companies become the FADs. By competing for and being selected for this Task, a company becomes an "approved" source for future development. The ESP is responsible for Task Areas I, II, and III.	Brian Dudek
2	Contracting	What are the small business limits? (NAICS etc.)	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
3	Acquisition	Ref para 2.8, line 2901-2902 discussing Task Area IV awards. It states, "A separate BPA for the Task Area IV performance based tasks will be awarded to multiple contractors who are NOT part of the ESP Teaming Arrangement under BPA #1." And on page 7 line 142-143 it states, "Contractor(s) awarded services under the BPA for Task Areas I, II, and III are excluded from participation in the BPA award for Task Area IV." Can contractors who are subcontractors for BPA #1 be primes for BPA#2. Conversely, can contractors who are primes for BPA#1 be subcontractors for BPA#2.	No. This is by design; to foster a competitive environment.	Brian Dudek
4	Acquisition	Reference page 7, section 2 Performance Work Statement, line 143, which states: "Contractor(s) awarded services under the BPA for Task Areas I, II, and III are excluded from participation in the BPA awarded for Task Area IV." What is the estimated value for workload for FAD versus ESP, i.e. is it expected to be an equal distribution (percentage) of workload over the life of the contract?	The value of work for Task Area IV is unknown. Task Area IV is both a surge capability and a capability for the government to introduce competition for NEW work beyond the scope of work required to shut down GTN, as it comes in.	Brian Dudek
5	Functional	Reference Page 8, Section, 2.1.1.1. Phase I - Pre-Planned Product Improvements, Line 174. The government states in Section 2.1.1.1 that "Motor Carrier Compliance (MCC) and World-Wide Express Carrier Compliance (WWX) reporting capabilities and source system data needed for GTN retirement were fielded to validate the system architecture and provide quantitative metrics with regard to data quality." Can the government please provide information on the quantitative metrics that are being measured, and the results being reported with regard to data quality under the GTN P3I initiative?	The draft PWS reflects work that will be complete by contract award. So far Motor Carrier compliance has been fielded; WWX is being developed. There are a myriad of metrics being captured examples include percentages of on-time deliveries at the carrier (SCAC) level, as well as automatic reporting timeliness. Separate quantitative metric requirements will be defined for each application. Detailed information will be made available in P3I engineering documents.	Brian Dudek

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6	Acquisition	Reference Pages 8-9, section 2.1.1.1, Figure 2.1-1, P3I and IDE Complete architecture. Page 8, line 178 states: "Figure 2.1-1 depicts the P3I and IDE Target Architecture." Later sections describe the COTS tools used for P3I and IDE, but there is no indication of how those tools will be merged into IGC. This seems to imply that IGC will be a program consisting of two systems - IDE (or IIGC Data Broker) and GTN P3I. Is this the case or is the intent that the two systems will merge into a single IGC?	IGC will be a System of Systems (SoS) (meaning more than one system), but under one contract, managed as one program. Additional systems may be merged under the IGC SoS. Today, there are two SEPARATE contracts and two SEPARATE program offices; under IGC that changes. IGC is a change in the way we manage, contract for, and add capability to two existing infrastructures while satisfying new requirements.	Brian Dudek
7	Engineering	Reference Pages 8-9, section 2.1.1.1, Figure 2.1-1, P3I and IDE Complete architecture. Page 8 states, line 178 states: "Figure 2.1-1 depicts the P3I and IDE Target Architecture." Later sections describe the COTS tools used for P3I and IDE. Is it the intent that some of the tools - such as configuration management, requirements, data profiling, and metadata tools - be merged into one each for IGC? If so, will bidders be expected to identify the tool consolidation in their proposals or will this decision be made after award? Which tools would stay and which are subject to a "merge?"	Under IGC we will single-up tools for these purposes where practical and applicable. In all cases, the Government will provide them as GFE.	Brian Dudek
8	Engineering	Reference page 10, section 2.1.1.3.1, line 217, which states: "Approximately sixty percent of the GTN source systems are expected to be connected to the EDW through IDE by the end of FY08." Will the government specify which source systems are represented by the 60% figure?	See section 2.1.1.5.3 of PWS. Upon initiation of IGC, the following GTN P3I systems will already have established low-side interfaces to IDE: (All are low-side) TRDM, GFM, GATES, GDSS, WPS, DAASC, CMOS, AMS-TAC, COMPASS, CEDI, IBS, and CSS. Additionally, there will be replicated data between TRDM and the RF-ITV data sources.	Brian Dudek
9	Engineering	Reference page 10, section 2.1.1.3.1, line 217, which states: "Approximately sixty percent of the GTN source systems are expected to be connected to the EDW through IDE by the end of FY08." Will the IDE connect directly to the source systems or will these data feeds come through other systems, such as GEX or DAAS?	IDE will connect with DAASC for receiving ANSI x12 transaction data including for requisition, CEDI commercial carrier transactions, and routing of GFM transactions. For the purpose of responding to this PWS, GEX is considered a source system accessed via DAASC. IDE will connect directly with GATES, GDSS, WPS, CMOS, AMS-TAC, COMPASS, IBS and CSS.	Brian Dudek

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10	Engineering	Reference Page 10, Section 2.1.1.3.1, Line 221 The Government states that the "Delivery of the first applications, MCC and WWX Carrier Compliance, as proof of concept for the decision support environment." Can the government provide interested parties access to these systems and provide the Capabilities Development Documentation for these applications, which are not currently listed in the GTN/P3I Program Products list provided starting on page 103?	There is no CDD for these individual capabilities. There are specifications and detailed engineering artifacts that will be provided.	Brian Dudek
11	Engineering	Reference Page 12, Figure 2.1-2. Can the Government provide a more legible copy of Figure 2.1-2, Implementation Timeline?	We will include a better chart in the Industry Day #2 Chart pack and make it available for download.	Brian Dudek
12	Engineering	Reference Page 12, Figure 2.1-2. Can the Government please explain why Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System (DEAMS) appears in Figure 2.1-2, Implementation Timeline, and it's relevance to the IGC program, since it is not referenced in any other location of the PWS?	It's a mistake. We will remove it.	Brian Dudek
13	Engineering	Reference Page 19, Section 2.1.1.4.10, IDE Environments, Line 497. Does IDE have a data storage capability? If so, how much data is maintained, what is the size of the data store, what is the platform and for how long is it kept?	IDE data storage supports COTS RDBMS requirements and common services, such as logging. IDE has two production Oracle servers that service webMethods, Metamatrix and provide persistence for J2EE common service applications. Each server has 48GB of local storage and 240GB of shared SAN. IDE also has SAN file systems separate from Oracle that are used to transfer data. SAN are configured using hardware-level RAID 1+0 technology.	Brian Dudek
14	Engineering	Reference Page 19, Section 2.1.1.4.10 IDE Environments, Line 497. Do the 5 IDE environments identified in section 2.1.1.4.10 account for the IDE High-Side? In addition, when is the IDE High-Side going to be deployed, if it is not already, since it is not listed in sections 2.1.1.3.1 FY07/FY08 IDE GTN/P3I Capabilities or 2.1.1.3.2 FY09/FY10 IGC Planned Capabilities, on pages 10 & 11 respectively?	No. The 5 environments discussed are the low-side only. There is a requirement to establish high-side production and COOP for the data broker as indicated in 2.1.1.3.2. The Government expects that the analysis efforts under section 2.5.2.2.4.3, High Side Production Stand Up; and 2.5.2.3.6., High Side COOP, will include the IDE capabilities. Current IGC plans require a high-side production environment in early FY09, and a high-side COOP in early FY10. These efforts will be synchronized to support development schedule for the high-side source system interfaces.	Brian Dudek

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15	Engineering	Reference Page 19, Section 2.1.1.4.10 IDE Environments, Line 497. Can the government please provide detailed hardware and software configurations for the 5 IDE environments identified in section 2.1.1.4.10, to include a list of all hardware and software components for each of these environments?	Yes. Current detailed information will be made available in follow-on documents. Hardware and software components for each environment will continue to evolve.	Brian Dudek
16	Engineering	Reference Page 19, Section 2.1.1.5 GTN P3I Program, Line 523. Will the government provide the business / processing rules that are associated with the GTN/P3I program for review?	Yes. The best information we have will be made available in follow-on documents.	Brian Dudek
17	Engineering	Reference Page 21, Section 2.1.1.5.1.1, P3I Environments, Line 544. Do the 4 P3I environments identified in section 2.1.1.5.1.1 account for the GTN/P3I High-Side?	No, P3I is currently low-side only. High-side will be implemented as part of IGC as outlined in 2.5.2.2.4.3.	Brian Dudek
18	Engineering	Reference Page 21, Section 2.1.1.5.1.1, P3I Environments, Line 544. Can the government please provide detailed hardware and software configurations for the four P3I environments identified in section 2.1.1.5.1.1, to include a list of all hardware and software components for each of these environments?	Yes. Current detailed information will be made available in follow-on documents. Hardware and software components for each environment will continue to evolve.	Brian Dudek
19	Engineering	Reference Page 21, Section 2.1.1.5.1.1, P3I Environments, Line 544, The Government states that "P3I maintain four computing environments: the Development and Test environments are currently located in O'Fallon IL and the Pre-production (staging) as well as the Production system resides at the DISA DECC facility in Mechanicsburg, PA." Is there also a COOP environment planned for GTN P3I?	No. Currently there is no COOP environment under P3I. A COOP environment will be deployed under IGC. Pls see sections 2.5.2.3.6 and 2.5.3	Brian Dudek
20	Engineering	Reference Page 23, Section 2.1.1.5.1.6 Business Intelligence, Line 613. What products/reports are being created using Cognos in support of USTRANSCOMs Mission?	"Superusers" in the USTC J-8 and J-3 use COGNOS to create and store cubes/reports for analytical purposes. There are very few users (less than 50). COGNOS will be used to continue to provide this capability.	Brian Dudek
21	Engineering	Reference Page 24, Section 2.1.1.5.2.3 Business Decision Support System, Line 647. Please provide more information on the USTRANSCOM Business Decision Support System (BDSS), what are the components of this system, is this a system of systems, and what specifically is it being used for today?	BDSS is a system used by USTRANSCOM J5/4 and J8 to support business analysis. It consists of a repository of approximately 4 years of data residing on 4 Teradata nodes. It stores data from GDSS, GATES, WPS, ITV, and DAAS that is used in conjunction with COGNOS as an analytical environment. BDSS will be migrated to the GTN P3I enclave prior to IGC contract execution.	Brian Dudek

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22	Engineering	Reference Page 24, Section 2.1.1.5.2.4 Source System Resources, Table 2.1-6 P3I Source Systems Reports. How many of the current GTN P3I data sources are currently interfacing through the IDE interface, and which ones are they?	Upon initiation of IGC, the following GTN P3I systems will already have established low-side interfaces to IDE: (All are low-side) TRDM, GFM, GATES, GDSS, WPS, DAASC, CMOS, AMS-TAC, COMPASS, CEDI, IBS, and CSS. Additionally, there will be a replicated data between TRDM and the RF-ITV data sources.	Brian Dudek
23	Engineering	Reference Page 23, Section 2.1.1.5.1.9 Common Operational Picture, Line 627. Is the Common Operational Picture referenced in this section also known as the Common Operational Picture for Distribution and distribution-related Deployment (COP D2)?	No. We are removing this from the PWS.	Brian Dudek
24	Engineering	Reference page 25, section 2.1.1.5.3.3, line 676, which states: "DAAS is the DLA unclassified system for automatically routing Military Standard Requisition and Issue Procedures transactions among customers, suppliers, depots, and shipping activities. DAAS provides Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) supply data in support of GTN P3I, as well as EDI transportation data routed through the Global Exchange Service (GEX)." What is the distinction between DAAS and GEX and would it be useful/economical to investigate extension of GEX to serve as the Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) for IDE?	For the purpose of responding to this PWS, GEX is considered a source system accessed via DAASC. This PWS only includes Enterprise data services under the management of DLA and USTRANSCOM. We do not desire to expand GEX services for IGC as part of this PWS. We are not precluding the usage of GEX to interface to the IGC ESB, but desire a more "open", standards based ESB that can leverage multiple SOA instances.	Brian Dudek
25	Engineering	Reference page 25, section 2.1.1.5.3.3, line 676, which states: "DAAS provides Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) supply data in support of GTN P3I, as well as EDI transportation data routed through the Global Exchange Service (GEX). Also, Reference page 25, section 2.1.1.5.3.3, line 690, which states: P3I interfaces with the Defense Electronic Business Exchange (DEBX) Value Added Network which provides shipping status from commercial air, motor, ocean, rail movements and financial data." What is the distinction between GEX and DEBX and do these exchange systems support other transaction formats such as XML, IDOC, etc?	We will update this part of the PWS to reflect only GEX. GEX is the new name for what used to be called the DEBX. GEX transactions will route through DAASC. IGC will connect with DAASC via IDE.	Brian Dudek

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27	Acquisition	Reference page 28, section 2.1.1.6.2, line 792, which states as part of the IGC end state vision: "The IGC EDW is the single data warehouse utilized by DLA and USTRANSCOM, thereby providing supply chain, distribution, and logistics data that is visible, accessible, understandable, and trusted across the USTRANSCOM/DLA landscape." The 3 IGC spirals do not address the inclusion of supply-side data; they only address Transportation (or GTN) data. When will the supply-side data be incorporated into IGC?	The quote you cite is the "vision". The entire "vision" of IGC is beyond the scope described by this PWS. This PWS describes the first steps along the path to that Vision; for which there are severable tangible benefits.	Brian Dudek
28	Acquisition	Reference page 30, section 2.1.2, line 859, which states: "Appendix G contains a list of IDE, GTN and P3I program documentation." When will this documentation list be made available to potential bidders?	The list will be modified as we develop the PWS further; goal is to provide a CD with as much data as possible at Industry Day #2.	Brian Dudek
29	Contracting	Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 876, which states: "The Government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II, and III to the selected IGC Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement." What type of BPA does the government intend to issue? Will this be a BPA against a GSA schedule 70?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
30	Contracting	Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 876, which states: "The Government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II, and III to the selected IGC Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement." What is meant by the term "Teaming Arrangement?" Does this imply more than one prime contractor? Does this refer to DLA's Contractor Teaming Arrangements (CTA's) often used for small and SDB content, or something else?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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31	Contracting	Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 877, which states: "A separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FAD), who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement." The term "Teaming Arrangement" is not used to describe the FAD contractors. Does this imply that CTA's often used by DLA for small business content will not be used for FAD contracts?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
32	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 877, which states: "A separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FAD), who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement." Can FAD subcontractors be part of an ESP Teaming Arrangement as subcontractors?	No. This is by design; to foster a competitive environment.	Brian Dudek
33	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 877, which states: "A separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FAD), who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement." Will the RFQ for the ESP be issued at the same time as the RFQ for the selection of the FAD contractors?	Yes. The will only be one RFQ that covers both areas.	Brian Dudek
34	Contracting	Reference page 31, section 2.2, line 889, which states: "As part of each BPA, the Government intends to issue fixed price Task Orders to accomplish the services specified within the Task Areas listed below." If task orders will be determined after award, on what basis will bidders propose pricing for the initial award? Will there be sample tasks provided to determine a basis for award?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
35	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2.1, line 895, which states: "Task Area I establishes the ESP requirements for system engineering services for phased implementation of the IGC (implementation of Spirals 1, 2, and 3 as depicted in Figure 2.1-2), retirement of the GTN Data Store, and implementation of the capabilities defined in the CPD." When will the CPD be provided to potential bidders?	The final draft is still being finalized.	Brian Dudek

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36	Acquisition	Reference page 31, section 2.2.1, line 898, which states: "This section also describes the initial IGC Planning and Transition services required to transition the previous GTN P3I/IDE development and sustainment to the ESP Team." Does this imply that the ESP Team will perform application development? If so, what will be the role of the FAD contractors?	Yes; the ESP will perform application development as part of Task Area I. Task Area IV is both a surge capability and a capability for the government to introduce competition for NEW work beyond the scope of work required to shut down GTN; as it comes in.	Brian Dudek
37	Acquisition	Reference page 32, section 2.2.4, line 923 which states: "Task Area IV establishes the FAD requirements for future application development technical services required to support the development of front-end applications (applications not required for the retirement of GTN) using the IGC infrastructure." This statement infers that the FAD contractor will not have any work until GTN is retired at the end of FY2010. Will there be any work for the FAD contractor prior to the end of FY10 when legacy GTN is retired. If so, when would that start and what type of volume is expected for FAD work?	There is no work currently set aside for FADs. We believe that there will be new requirements every year. IGC will be operational as soon as the existing contracts expire; it will be capable of accommodating these new requirements in October of 2008. The FADs ensure that a surge capability exists in a way that allows us to pre-qualify companies that are capable of performing this additional work.	Brian Dudek
38	Contracting	Reference page 41, section 2.3.11.1, line 1285 which states: "The Government has allotted time after contract award for the ESP and FADs to interact with current IDE and GTN/P3I software developers to acquire knowledge necessary to support tasks under this contract." What type of contractual incentive or agreement is in place with the incumbent contractors to encourage their cooperation?	There are mechanisms planned that the Government will use to encourage cooperation.	Brian Dudek
39	Acquisition	Reference page 57, section 2.5.1.3, line 1867 which states: "The current IDE and GTN/P3I tool sets include, but are not limited to, the products listed in Table 2.5-2," followed by a list of COTS tools for both IDE and GTN P3I. Will the government specify which tool sets will be in GTN P3I vs. IDE at the time of transition?	Yes, the government will identify which tools are within the P3I enclave and which tools are within the IDE enclave at the time of transition.	Brian Dudek

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40	Acquisition	Reference Page 69, Section 2.5.2.4.1.1.4 Itineraries and Schedules, which states: "IGC will provide the ability to display schedule and itinerary transportation information that includes shipment units, people/units, and carriers including dedicated aero medical evacuation carriers. IGC will provide the ability to track itineraries of commercial carriers' equipment used to move DOD-interest passengers and cargo to complete the overall picture of moving transport assets." Does equipment mean more than "conveyances"?	At a minimum, it means what GTN does now, but faster and with more history. Sunset of GTN is a priority for IGC.	Brian Dudek
41	Acquisition	Reference Page 70, Section 2.5.2.4.1.1.6 Vendor Shipments, which states: "IGC will provide the capability to display the status of DOD agency ordered equipment and supplies that are en-route from the vendor's manufacturing or distribution location to a DOD point of delivery. IGC will provide the capability to be able to locate data on shipments of interest by supplying query parameters." Please clarify "to be able to locate data...by supplying query parameters". What type of data and query parameters?	At a minimum, the type of data queried by GTN today (tail #, TCN, etc.).	Brian Dudek
42	Engineering	Reference page 77, section 2.6.1.2, line 2436, which states: "The ESP shall conduct assessments of IGC computing resources and infrastructure to determine performance and capacity compliance with service level(s) defined in the applicable design/functional specifications or SLAs/MOAs." Have such assessments been conducted for GTN P3I and/or IDE, and if so, will those be provided to potential bidders?	There have been no capacity studies beyond the initial engineering effort for GTN P3I EDW and IDE phase II. These efforts provided the initial infrastructure implementations that were designed to meet requirements for GTN P3I spirals with scalability in mind for the future. Engineering documentation provides detail regarding those designs. In addition, IDE plans to conduct a capacity study in FY08 and will augment the data broker infrastructure as needed to meet projected workloads from IGC and DLA integration efforts.	Brian Dudek
43	Acquisition	Reference page 80, section 2.6.4, line 2560, which states: "The ESP shall provide Level II help desk services for all IGC. The ESP shall coordinate with the Level I help desk providers, the Government and third-party contractor entities as required to carry out Level II help desk functions." Is the ESP providing Level I help desk support or is another entity providing Level I? Will the FAD contractor be providing any Level II or Level III help desk support? Please explain the requirement and the relationships.	Level 1 is provided by DISA. The FAD will not provide help desk support. They develop applications and hand over to the ESP for configuration control and roll-out. Subsequent sustainment and support for these applications will be provided by the ESP.	Brian Dudek

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44	Engineering	Reference page 81, section 2.6.7, line 2599, which states: "The ESP shall, in coordination with DISA and other Government and third-party contractor entities, perform system performance monitoring activities required to ensure the reliability, availability, and sustainability of IGC on a 24/7 basis." Before submitting a fixed price quote, will bidders be provided with a copy of DISA and 3rd party agreements related to this statement?	Yes. A copy of the current SLAs with DISA will be provided. There are no 3rd party agreements, yet.	Brian Dudek
45	Engineering	Reference page 82, section 2.6.8.1, line 2621, which states: "The ESP shall work with DISA and third-party vendors to support OS sustainment." Before submitting a fixed price quote, will bidders be provided with a copy of DISA and 3rd party agreements related to this statement?	Yes. A copy of the current SLAs with DISA will be provided.	Brian Dudek
46	Engineering	Reference page 82, section 2.6.8.2, line 2626, which states: "The ESP shall support the sustainment of the IGC databases working closely with Government host providers and third-party vendors." Before submitting a fixed price quote, will bidders be provided with a copy of DISA and 3rd party agreements related to this statement?	Yes. A copy of the current SLAs with DISA will be provided.	Brian Dudek
47	Engineering	Reference page 82, section 2.6.8.3, line 2635, which states: "The ESP shall support the sustainment of the IGC applications components in coordination with Government host provider(s) and third-party vendors and application developers." Before submitting a fixed price quote, will bidders be provided with a copy of DISA and 3rd party agreements related to this statement?	Yes. A copy of the current SLAs with DISA will be provided.	Brian Dudek
48	Engineering	Reference page 91, section 2.8.2, line 2934, which states: "Task Area IV performance objectives will mirror the general performance objectives stated in the IGC CPD and will follow but not be limited to the performance requirements outlined in the table below." Table 2.8.1 outlines system performance measurements. How will the FAD contractor be held to these performance measurements when the "back end" support is provided by the ESP and the operating environment is controlled by DISA?	The system architecture has been validated and we know that it works and what the general performance characteristics are. FAD work essentially capitalizes on that; the government will monitor ESP, DISA, and FAD synchronization and performance issues as they arise, as is done in many programs across the DoD (AFKS, GCSS-J, AV, etc.). In addition, the Government will have an "in-house" capability in the form of the BICOE to develop front-end capabilities; so we will be very familiar with how back-end support is being provided.	Brian Dudek

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50	Engineering	Reference page 96, section 2.9, line 3072, which states: "IGC Program Management and functional sponsors are located at HQ DLA (Ft. Belvoir, VA) and USTRANSCOM (Scott AFB, IL)." Will the government describe to what extent "IGC Program Management and functional sponsors" are located at each site?	The IGC team will be comprised of assets from both USTRANSCOM and DLA. The PM will reside at DLA headquarters and spend approximately 2 weeks of each month at Scott AFB. The majority of functional assets are located at Scott AFB. The Business management and financial entities are evenly split at both locations. Engineering and Program Control have a larger presence at Scott AFB. Contracting is performed in Philadelphia. Flag officer level PEO and DPEO are split at DLA HQs and Scott AFB, respectively. USTRANSCOM is the registered "owner" of the program.	Brian Dudek
51	Acquisition	Reference page 103, which states: "The ESP shall comply with the current versions of the following documents," followed by a list of documents whose dates are all in the past. When will these documents be made available to potential bidders?	The list will be modified as we develop the PWS further; goal is to provide a CD with as much data as possible at Industry Day #2.	Brian Dudek
52	Acquisition	Reference page 103, which states: "The ESP will reference the following GTN documents as appropriate or as directed by the Government," followed by a list of documents whose dates are all in the past. When will these documents be made available to potential bidders?	The list will be modified as we develop the PWS further; goal is to provide a CD with as much data as possible at Industry Day #2.	Brian Dudek
53	Acquisition	Reference page 105, which states: "The ESP will reference the following IDE documents as appropriate or as directed by the Government," followed by a list of documents whose dates are all in the past. When will these documents be made available to potential bidders?	The list will be modified as we develop the PWS further; goal is to provide a CD with as much data as possible at Industry Day #2.	Brian Dudek

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55	Acquisition	The transactional data of the acquisition/supply communities is disconnected from the transportation communities. As part of IGC, will the government enable change management and standards changes to imbed key acquisition data within transportation transactions (manifests & bills of lading, etc) both warfighter unique identification and warfighter requisition numbers with resulting purchase order numbers?	The scope of this PWS is to retire legacy GTN utilizing the services provided by IDE infrastructure. IGC is a read-only Enterprise Data Warehouse; not a transactional execution system.	Brian Dudek
56	Acquisition	Section 2.2. What is intended for the ESP role? Is this role one of "sustainment" for the legacy GTN and IDE systems that will be subsumed by IGC or is this role more like a "lead systems integrator" for development & integration of the new IGC solution?	The ESP is responsible for Task Areas I, II, and III. They are responsible for Shut down of legacy GTN utilizing the services provided by the IDE infrastructure, Sustainment of both infrastructures and the applications on them, as well as, "back-end" development associated with "new work" as it comes in, and front-end work under certain dollar thresholds. ESP stands for "Enterprise Service Provider". ESP is a more accurate description than LSI, reflecting the Government's role as "lead systems integrator" amongst the multiple government organizations involved (DISA, USTC, DLA, etc.).	Brian Dudek
57	Acquisition	Section 2.2. What is intended for the FAD role? Is this role of the forward-going development of the combined GTN & AV ODS/DW solution for IGC or is the FAD role of refreshing legacy source systems to provide near-realtime transactional data vice time-late batch?	Task Area IV is both a surge capability and a capability for the government to introduce competition for NEW work beyond the scope of work required to shut down GTN, as it comes in.	Brian Dudek
58	Acquisition	Section 2.1.1.5.3. The draft PWS provides names & background for current GTN source systems. Will the PWS be updated to identify AV source systems also? Is integration of AV source systems within AV scope?	AV is not in the scope of Task Areas I & II; Task Areas III & IV offer a mechanism to accommodate new requirements should they arise.	Brian Dudek
59	Engineering	Section 2.1.1.5.3.6. Global EXchange (GEX) Services replaced DEBX at both DAASC & BTA sites in 2005. GEX provides for SOA/web services requirements. Will the government update this section to replace the DEBX acronym with GEX?	Yes.	Brian Dudek
60	Engineering	Section 2.1.1.5.3.3. GEX at both DAAS & BTA handle multiple transaction formats beyond EDI such as XML, IDOC and many UDF formats. Will the government update the PWS to reflect these capabilities?	DAAS and BTA perform many functions not covered by section 2.1.1.5.3.3. For the purpose of responding to this PWS, please consider GEX as a source system accessed via DAASC.	Brian Dudek

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61	Engineering	Section 2.1.1.4.4 Enterprise Services Bus (ESB). The government appears to constrain bidders to use webMethods. Separately, USTRANSCOM constrained DTCI bidders to use Global EXchange (GEX) Services as the ESB. Further, for both IVAN & DAI competitions, BTA constrained bidders to leverage GEX as the ESB. Both USTC & DLA leverage GEX extensively. Would the government consider allowing bidders to propose GEX vice webMethods as the ESB?	We do not plan to expand GEX services for IGC as part of this PWS. WebMethods is at the core of the IDE. IDE will be used to establish connectivity with IGC source and consumer systems. IDE also uses MQ Server to connect with DAASC as a source for EDI data including GEX transactions routed through DAAS. For purposes of IGC the ESB is the IDE capability that "provides messaging middleware, intelligent routing, transformation, and exposes Web services," as described in PWS section 2.1.4.4. We do not desire to expand GEX services for IGC as part of this PWS. We are not precluding the usage of GEX to interface to the IGC ESB, but desire a more "open", standards based ESB that can leverage multiple SOA instances.	Brian Dudek
62	Engineering	Section 2.1.1.5.3 P3I Data Sources. Multiple GTN data sources such as DSS, GFM, CMOS & IBS broker data though GEX to GTN. Will the government consider leveraging these proven integrations or will these be re-developed in webMethods?	For the purpose of responding to this PWS, please consider GEX as a source system accessed via DAASC. We will leverage GEX for authoritative data where possible/practical. We do not desire to expand GEX services for IGC as part of this PWS. We are not precluding the usage of GEX to interface to the IGC ESB, but desire a more "open", standards based ESB that can leverage multiple SOA instances.	Brian Dudek
64	Engineering	Will the government update the PWS to reflect which of the GTN data sources already leverage GEX?	For the purpose of responding to this PWS, please consider GEX as a source system accessed via DAASC. The interfaces with GEX will be used to access the type of data already leveraged by GTN.	Brian Dudek
65	Engineering	Reference page 10, section 2.1.1.3.1, line 217, which states: "Approximately sixty percent of the GTN source systems are expected to be connected to the EDW through IDE by the end of FY08." Are any of the Asset Visibility (AV) source systems expected to be connected through the IDE by the end of FY08? Our understanding is that those systems currently feed AV directly, not through the IDE.	AV is not in the scope of Task Areas 1 & 2; Task Areas 3 & 4 offer a mechanism to accommodate new requirements should they arise.	Brian Dudek
66	Engineering	Reference page 21, section 2.1.1.5.1.2, line 562, which states: "The Enterprise Data Warehouse EDW provides the means for conducting mission critical decision support and analysis." It appears that the EDW contains only Transportation-related data, not supply-side data. Is there a plan for the EDW to include supply-side data in the future, such as that provided by the DLA Asset Visibility system?	AV is not in the scope of Task Areas I & II; Task Areas III & IV offer a mechanism to accommodate new requirements should they arise.	Brian Dudek

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67	Engineering	Sections 2.2.4 and 2.8. Please define a Front-end Application Developers (FAD) as it is referenced in sections 2.2.4 and 2.8 - What front end applications do you envision?	The amount of work for FADs is unknown. Task Area IV is both a surge capability and a capability for the government to introduce competition for NEW Business Intelligence application development beyond the scope of work required to shut down GTN, as it comes in.	Brian Dudek
68	Acquisition	Section 2.2 states "separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FAD), who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement. " Will the ESP and FAD proposals be due at the same time?	Yes.	Brian Dudek
69	Acquisition	If they are due at the same time will you allow vendors to bid on both the ESP and FAD in the event they are not awarded the ESP they will have an opportunity to win the FAD. (Ref para 2.2, FAD who are not a part of the selected ESP Teaming arrangement)	Yes.	Brian Dudek
70	Acquisition	IF a company has multiple divisions/sectors - can a firewall be put in place so one division can bid the ESP and the other bid the FAD?	No.	Brian Dudek
71	Acquisition	How many FAD BPA's will be awarded?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
72	Acquisition	What is the relative scope of the FAD efforts versus the ESP efforts.	The ESP will be responsible for back-end work; the FADS will propose designs and do front-end work when the government has a requirement that has been determined it will not fulfill via the ESP or its own "in house" development capability (BICOE).	Brian Dudek
73	Contracting	Only contractors selected as "approved developers" will be considered as candidates for future application development solicitations. Question, If each one is competed will there be a standard template for each FAD to adhere to? Will they go through a full competitive bid cycle? If so what will be the turn cycle on bids?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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74	Contracting	Section 2.4.8, line 1706. What is the difference between a FAD and third party developers? Do third party developers have to bid against the FADs to obtain the work? If not how will it be determined who gets the work?	The ESP will provide back-end (and in some cases front-end) services under Task Area III to satisfy new requirements for the IGC initiative. This is where the Government may choose to compete work to FADS. In addition, the ESP will provide services (back-end and access to tools) to other programs (e.g. Army, Navy, or Air Force systems). These other systems are "third parties". FADs will not be involved in that work, as the work is not for the IGC initiative; it's another program utilizing services from our environment.	Brian Dudek
75	Contracting	Section 2.4.9 line 1745 states "forward the requirements to either the BICOE or ESP - or direct the work to FADs or third party developers - will FADs be constantly competing for work with the ESP and third party developers?"	The government will make the determination if a requirement should be satisfied by the BICOE, ESP, if it should be competed to FADs, or some combination therein. All work determined to be executed to the FADs will be competed to them. Third party developers do not participate in that competition. An example of a third party is an Army program that requires a web service to be set-up on the ESB (there's only back-end work involved). Another example is a COCOM program that wants to utilize our tools to satisfy one of their reporting requirements; it's not an IGC requirement ... but a requirement of some other program. FADs are only utilized to satisfy requirement of the IGC initiative.	Brian Dudek
76	Contracting	Section 2.8.3 Line 2954. How will the ESP hold the FAD accountable for getting their summary information to the ESP on time in order for the ESP to make their deliverable on time and with complete and accurate information since the ESP does not have any contract or management authority over the FAD?	The Government is responsible for ensuring compliance by the FADs. The ESP is responsible for coordination, tracking, and informing the Government of issues encountered that impact the approved schedule.	Brian Dudek
77	Acquisition	PWS pages 103 through 106. When will a reading library be set up (physical or on-line) for potential bidders so that they can review all of the documentation identified on pages 103 through 106 of the Draft PWS V0.14a?	The list will be modified as we develop the PWS further; goal is to provide a CD with as much data as possible at Industry Day #2.	Brian Dudek
78	Acquisition	Section 5.6 Employee Termination and Replacement. Please clarify whether the requirement to obtain written documentation, signed by the Contracting Officer, prior to a substitute starting performance applies to only Key Personnel or all personnel working on the program.	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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79	Engineering	Line 313 states "IDE facilitates transactional exchange by leveraging internal integration schema referred to as Shared Object Models (SOM)." Please identify where the SOMs are documented and available for review.	SOMS are XML schema developed within IDE to support mapping of transactional data, e.g. from user defined EDI formats to SAP intermediate documents (iDocs). When they are created they are documented in the Interface Design Document (IDD). IDDs are being provided for the production interfaces and some of those do include SOMs.	Brian Dudek
80	Acquisition	Lines 876 - 880 state "The Government intends to award a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Task Areas I, II, and III to the selected IGC Enterprise Service Provider (ESP) Teaming Arrangement. A separate BPA for the Task Area IV requirements will be awarded to multiple Front-end Application Developers (FA), who are NOT part of the selected IGC ESP Teaming Arrangement." Please clarify whether it is acceptable for the prime or a subcontractor on the ESP team to be a Subcontractor on a FAD Team.	No. There should be no teaming between ESP and FADs.	Brian Dudek
81	Acquisition	Will Services and Agencies other than USTRANSCOM and DLA be able to solicit FAD contractors to develop applications using the FAD BPA vehicle?	There are requirements that will come into us that will be to develop applications as part of our system and those that come in from other programs to provide services for them to add capabilities to theirs. The FADs are utilized, as needed, to develop applications that are part of IGC.	Brian Dudek
82	Acquisition	Will contractors who are not selected as FADs be able to develop applications that exploit the IGC infrastructure and EDW for external Services and Agencies?	As part of "other programs" and other contracts they may do that. These are considered Third-Party developers.	Brian Dudek
83	Acquisition	Is it the Government's intent to solicit both the ESP and FAD BPAs concurrently?	Yes.	Brian Dudek
84	Acquisition	Section 2.4 Describes the Systems Engineering Methodology. In this section, the term "the Contractor" is used. Paragraph 2.2, Contract Scope states "When the requirement applies to both the ESP and the FAD, the PWS states that the "Contractor shall". Please identify for each Phase and Milestone Review whether the ESP or the FAD is responsible.	The ESP (who is responsible for ensuring configuration control of IGC) will be an integral part of each Phase and Milestone Review. Participation by a FAD will be based on reviews associated with a specific front-end application development.	Brian Dudek

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85	Acquisition	Paragraph 2.4.9 (and other locations) refers to "third-party developers" in the statement "...the Government may at its discretion forward the requirement to either the BI COE or ESP, if the work is of a small and low-complex nature and is within the scope of the work of the ESP and BI COE, or direct the work to the FADs or third-party developers to be completed...". Please clarify what organization(s) is anticipated as a third party developer. Please define the intent of the third-party developers, how those developers will be acquired (directly by the government or by the ESP or FAD?), and how they will be included in the overall system engineering and development process.	The fundamental difference between a FAD and a third party developer is that a FAD is developing to fulfill an IGC initiative requirement; whereas a third party is developing to fulfill a requirement from some other program. Both implement in accordance with the ESPs developer guide; but the FADs are working to add functionality to IGC. Third parties are utilizing services to add functionality to some other system (e.g., an Army, Navy, or COCOM system).	Brian Dudek
86	Acquisition	Paragraph 2.5, Task Area I states that after gathering the requisite technical knowledge from IDE and GTN/P3I current environments, "The ESP shall utilize this knowledge to produce a Developer's Guide". Is it the intent that this guide be produced prior to Spiral 1 implementation? It may be more appropriate that the Developer's Guide be produced at the completion of Spiral 1.	The timeline for this deliverable will be defined in Appendix I. This comment will be taken into consideration.	Brian Dudek
87	Engineering	Paragraph 2.5.1.3 - DECC Expansion. Please clarify the level of environment support anticipated under Task Area I. Is on-site support to perform "unpacking, positioning, assembly" type tasks expected?	The ESP shall be responsible for establishing the Development and Test environments in the DECC for IGC. At IGC award, the Development environment will be installed and operational at DECC Mechanicsburg. It will have a DISA ATC and be loaded with all GTN P3I COTS software and the GTN P3I Spiral I application. The ESP shall develop the engineering solution in conjunction with DISA and PMO engineering teams to transform this environment into one that will support remote development from the ESP choice of location. The ESP will be responsible for loading COTS development tools to support remote development and connection. For the Test environment, development and test hardware will be shipped from the GTN P3I development contractor's facility to the DECC Mechanicsburg facility by early December 2008 with an anticipated standup by February 2009. The ESP shall develop the engineering solution in conjunction with DISA and PMO engineering to most efficiently combine these hardware items to support the ESP test methodology. Bidder proposals for DECC Expansion should conform with guidelines established by the	Brian Dudek

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			host organization (DISA) and maintain warranty integrity with product vendors.	
88	Acquisition	Paragraph 2.5.2.1 indicates that "In response to this RFQ, the ESP shall provide a ROM for each of the Spirals..." and that after contract award FFP Task Orders will be issued. What is the Government's approach to ensuring that the ROMs and the Task Order fixed price proposals align?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
89	Engineering	Table 2.5-4 and 2.5-5. DTTS does not appear in Table 2.5-4, but is identified in Table 2.5-5. Please clarify whether DTTS is included in Spiral 1.	This was an oversight. DTTS is to be included in IGC Spiral I.	Brian Dudek
90	Engineering	Table 2.5-5 and 2.5-7 identify complexity and size of source system feeds. Please identify the criteria for the estimated levels. For example, how many tables meet the "small" size indicator.	This is subjective based on approximately 14 years experience with the data across several programs that use it (not just GTN). Number of tables is not the only indicator; general complexity of the data; and human factors associated with where the data comes from are also part of this.	Brian Dudek
91	Acquisition	Page 103 (and throughout the PWS) includes the table of IGC Program Products with which the ESP shall comply. When and where does the Government intend to release those documents for review?	The list will be modified as we develop the PWS further; goal is to provide a CD with as much data as possible at Industry Day #2.	Brian Dudek
92	Contracting	Lines 940-942 state "The ESP is responsible for overall planning and management, including integration, configuration management, and quality assurance of all work performed." What plans does the Government have for price and schedule adjustments in that event that a FAD contractor misses his contracted delivery schedule?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
93	Contracting	Line 1293. What processes are in place to require the current IDE and GTN/P3I developers to cooperate with the Government's desire for knowledge transfer?	Appropriate contract provisions and Government intervention will be leveraged to facilitate this coordination.	Brian Dudek
94	Acquisition	Line 1790. Please clarify the word "acquire" in this sentence. Does this imply a contractual relationship (to be priced as part of Task Order 1 proposal) between the ESP and the incumbent IDE or GTN/P3I developer.	No. It means "learn"	Brian Dudek

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95	Contracting	In that the government wishes to exclude ESP team vendors from providing FAD services, and the government also wishes to obtain access to the best value vendors for both BPA's, is it correct to assume that this exclusion will pertain upon contract award, and not at the point of bidding?	You can bid both areas; but only win in one.	Brian Dudek
96	Contracting	Will separate proposals be requested for the FAD requirements, (i.e. separate from ESP proposal)? If so, will the proposal due dates be sequential or simultaneous?	Yes. Simultaneously.	Brian Dudek
97	Contracting	The List of Standards and Publications on pp 105-106 of the PWS does not seem to include any specific guidance. Is it correct to assume that the ESP is required to comply with all of these standards and publications? Is the FAD required to comply with the entire list?	Where applicable those standards apply; they are essentially the "normal" government & DoD requirements. Yes FADs are required to comply with applicable policies and standards.	Brian Dudek
98	Contracting	Will the government release the solicitation for tasks 1,2,3 prior to the solicitation for task 4? If this is the case may a firm who was not awarded the tasks be allowed to bid on task 4?	No. Simultaneously. You may bid on Task Areas I, II, III and/or Task Area IV; but you can be awarded only one or the other, but not both.	Brian Dudek
99	Contracting	When does the government anticipate work beginning for task 4 awards?	This is unknown; but perhaps as early as late 1st QTR FY09.	Brian Dudek
100	Acquisition	The PWS mentions that there will be two primary places of performance. Where will the primary place of work be for tasks 1,2,3 and where for task area 4?	We have not created a requirement specific to the tasks. Work to be performed under this contract will, in full or in part, be conducted at Contractor facilities. With the exception of the Training Team.	Brian Dudek
101	Contracting	Will the task orders issued through the task 4 BPA be competed among those firms who were awarded, or will the task orders be assigned by the government/ESP?	The Government will compete Task Area 4 Task Orders between the pre-qualified contractors.	Brian Dudek
102	Contracting	The instructions on line 142 and 143 of the PWS note that the contractor(s) awarded under Task 1,2,3 are excluded from participation in the BPA Task area 4. Is it allowable for a company to be a subcontractor under tasks 1-3 and also subcontract under task 4?	No.	Brian Dudek
103	Acquisition	Does the government anticipate additional software licensing? If so will the additional software licensing be a component of the ESP / FAD bids or will the government procure licenses from the software vendors directly?	The government will procure licenses. Do not include in proposals.	Brian Dudek
104	Contracting	How long will Task Area contracts run? Appears to be three years but is not clear in PWS.	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek

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105	Acquisition	What do you envision for follow-on sustainment?	Task Area 2 establishes the requirements for all sustainment.	Brian Dudek
106	Contracting	Task Area I/II/III winner cannot be Task Area IV winners. In what sequence will these be awarded? If a bidder doesn't win Task Area I/II/III, will that bidder be able to bid on Task Area IV, and vice versa?	No. Simultaneously. You may bid on Task Areas I, II, III and/or Task Area IV; but you can be awarded only one or the other, but not both.	Brian Dudek
107	Contracting	When do you expect to release the final RFP?	December 2007.	Brian Dudek
108	Contracting	When do you expect to award contracts?	June 2008.	Brian Dudek
109	Acquisition	Do you plan to receive oral presentations and technical demonstrations as well as written proposals for those bidding the ESP or FAD roles?	This has not been decided yet.	Brian Dudek
110	Contracting	Do you plan to use existing contract vehicles (e.g., DESP II, GSA, ...)?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
111	Contracting	Do you plan for any small business set-aside work in this acquisition?	The answer to this question will either be posted prior to the RFQ or addressed in the RFQ.	Brian Dudek
112	Contracting	Will you consider current work with any feeder data/systems to comprise OCI?	No.	Brian Dudek